

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 20, 2007. Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 9, 11 to 14, 21 to 24 and 26 to 29 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 6, 11, 21 and 26 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 9 and 11 to 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,960,406 (Rasansky) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,788,429 (Clough). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Turning to specific claim language, amended independent Claim 1 is directed to an information processing apparatus which includes a receiving unit adapted to receive a request and template data including a reusable object, an index of a variable object and position data of the variable object from an external apparatus; and a generation unit adapted to generate, in response to a received request from the external apparatus, print data corresponding to a preview displayed on a display screen on the external apparatus. The generation unit generates print data by merging the reusable object in the template data and the variable object by using the reusable object, the index of the variable object and the position data of the variable object in the template data, and the index of the variable object is extracted from the template data and the index of the variable object from the template data is used during the merging process. The apparatus further includes a selecting unit adapted to select a print server to transmit the generated print data from plural print servers, wherein the print server is selected in accordance with the external apparatus; an obtaining unit adapted to obtain instructions for printing via the display screen on the external apparatus; and a transmission control unit adapted to control transmission so that the

print data generated by the generation unit is transmitted to a print server selected by the selecting unit in response to the obtaining unit for obtaining instructions for printing.

In contrast, Rasansky discloses a computer system for scheduling events between end users. The computer system is a centralized server that serves HTML documents. While Rasansky discloses generating a calendar (see Col. 2, Lines 8-13), each reference to printing refers to printing reports (see Col. 5, Line 4, Col. 8, Lines 9 and 470). However, the reports in Rasansky are not the same as calendars. Rasansky discloses reports to be, for example, statistical calculations generated by the Database Server (see Col. 9, Lines 27-33). Also, while Rasansky discloses an interface for administrators to print reports (see Col. 8, Lines 7-16), Rasansky is not understood to disclose that reports are displayed. Accordingly, nowhere is Rasansky seen to disclose or suggest “a generation unit adapted to generate, in response to a received request from the external apparatus, print data corresponding to a preview displayed on a display screen on the external apparatus, wherein the generation unit generates print data by merging the reusable object in the template data and the variable object by using the reusable object, the index of the variable object and the position data of the variable object in the template data, and wherein the index of the variable object is extracted from the template data and the index of the variable object from the template data is used during the merging process” as featured in Claim 1.

Furthermore, Applicant has reviewed Clough and submits that nothing in Clough cures the deficiencies in Rasansky. That is, Clough fails to disclose or suggest generating, in response to a received request from the external apparatus, print data corresponding to a preview displayed on a display screen on the external apparatus, wherein the generation unit generates print data by merging the reusable object in the template data and the variable object by using

the reusable object, the index of the variable object and the position data of the variable object in the template data, and wherein the index of the variable object is extracted from the template data and the index of the variable object from the template data is used during the merging process as featured in Claim 1.

Amended independent Claims 6, 11, 21 and 26 are directed to a system, a method, a computer-readable recording medium and a computer-readable recording medium, respectively, substantially in accordance with the apparatus of Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 6, 11, 21 and 26 are also now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

The other claims in the application are dependent from the independent claims discussed above and therefore are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

CONCLUSION

No claim fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional claim fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-3939.

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